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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the document which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

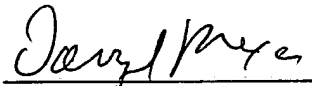
One of copy each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed no later than three months from the application's filing date and therefore no certification under 37 CFR § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants enclose herewith a copy of a corresponding foreign Search Report citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of that portion of the Search Report indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

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